vicinity of Ratan Chand Arya Public School, Block-Y, Sarojini Nagar; and

(c) the action being taken by Government to remove these jhuggies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) As per the survey made by NDMC, there were 1030 jhuggies as on 31st January, 1990 in the area.

(b) The land in question is not owned by NDMC. As it is primarily the responsibility of the land owning agency to remove encroachments from the public land, the lapse for not doing so cannot be attributed either to NDMC or to Delhi Police.

However, NDMC have issued a legal notice to the furniture repair shop operating near the School.

(c) An amount of Rs. 3.73 crores has been deposited with the Slum and JJ Department of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi for relocation of unauthorized jhuggi dwellers in the area.

Poor Condition of Sindhudurg Fort, Maharashtra

*439. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sindhu durg Fort at Malwad in Maharashtra, built by Chhatrapati Shivaji is in a dilapidated state these days;

(b) whether there is a tussle between the State Government and Archaeological Survey of India regarding the maintenance of the fort; and

(c) whether Archaeological Survey of India is planning to repair it after taking over the fort?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) The Fort at Sindhu durg is a protected monument of national importance. Requisite structural repairs are being carried out as and when required apart from regular day to day maintenance.